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**AMENDMENT UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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| Attorney Docket      | GUID-005CON6   |
| Confirmation No.     | 5455   |
| First Named Inventor | Taylor   |
| Application Number   | 10/684,557   |
| Filing Date          | 10/14/2003   |
| Group Art Unit       | 3732   |
| Examiner Name        | O'Connor, Cary E.  |
| Title                | Surgical Instruments and Procedures<br>for Stabilizing the Beating Heart<br>During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft<br>Surgery |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 4, 2008. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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